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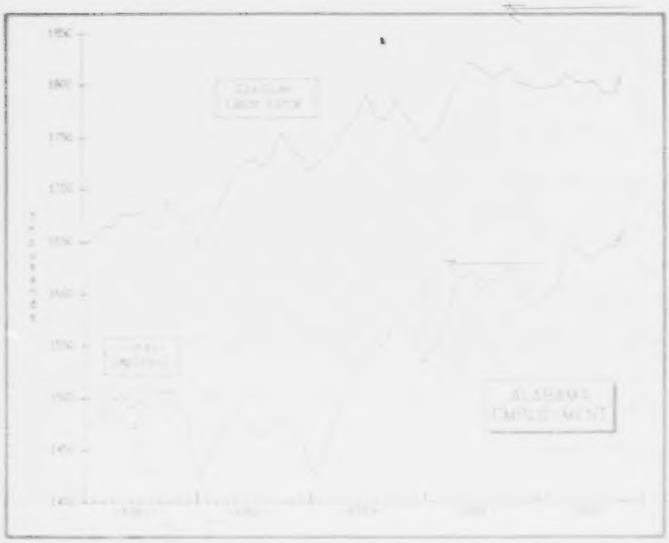

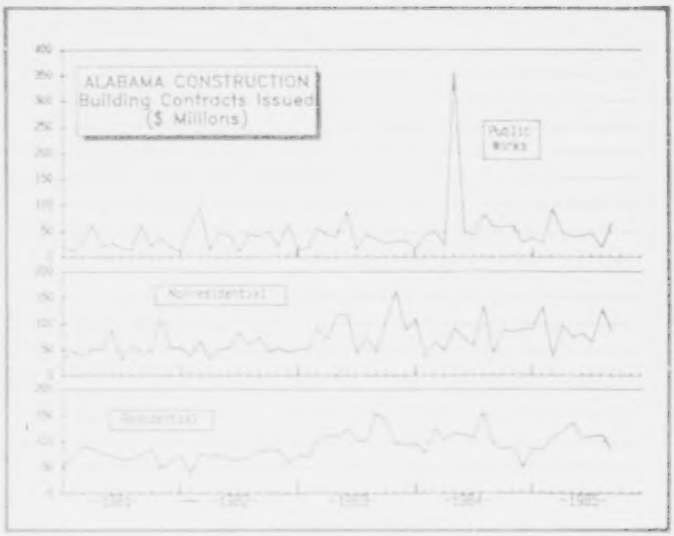

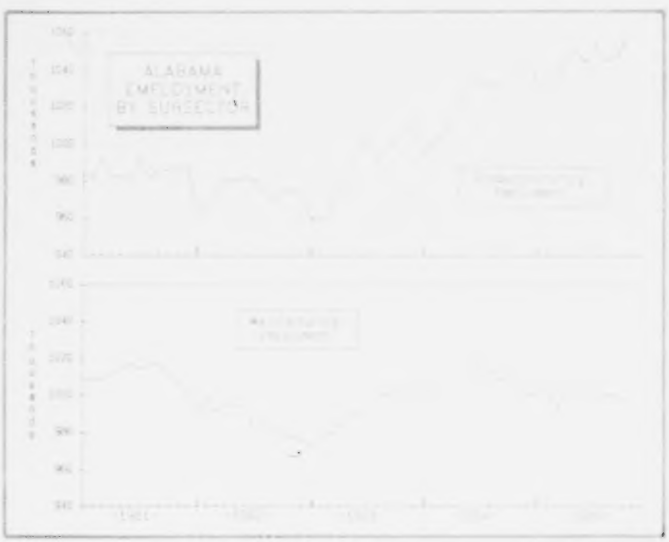

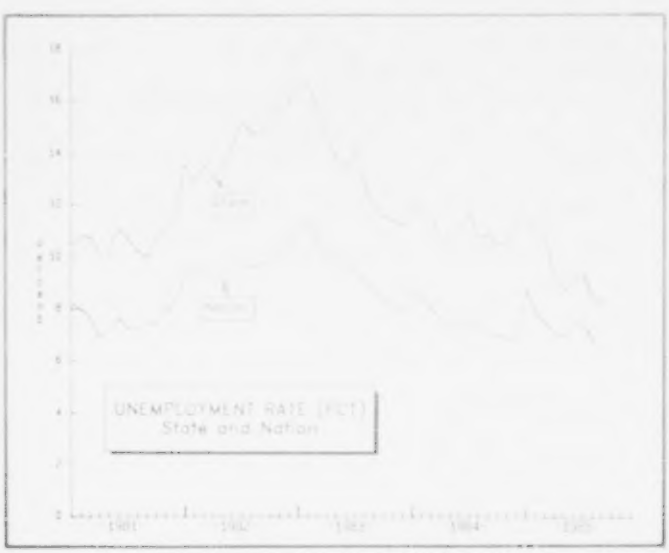

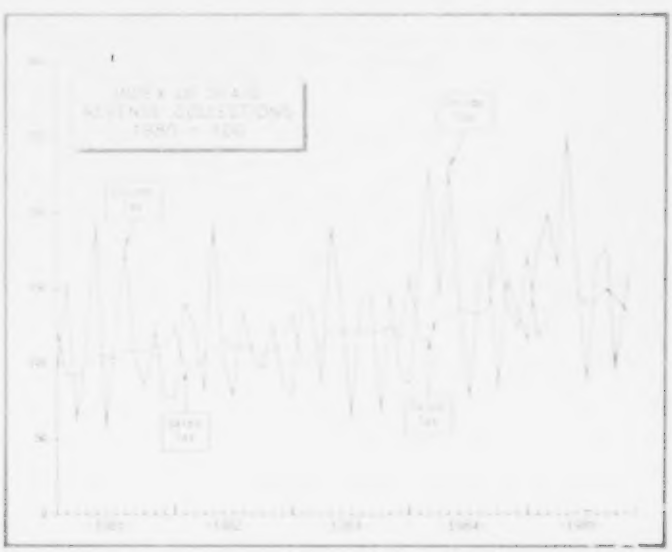

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Average		1984				1985								
	1983	1984	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
INDUSTRIAL															
Electric power consumption (mil. kwh)	13,010	13,440	2,478	2,511	2,298	2,283	2,418	2,401	2,298	2,159	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824
Natural gas production															
Gas (mil. cu. ft.)	126,113	111,187	10,477	11,062	11,078	11,078	10,825	10,017	12,006	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,467	12,037	12,039
Liquids (thous. barrels)	30,000	28,000	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,700	2,700	2,700	28,352	31,832	27,642	23,887	31,242	
Coal production (thous. tons)	14,700	15,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Crude steel production (thous. tons)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Pig iron production (thous. tons)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cement shipments (thous. bbls.)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Paper and allied products															
Pulp production (thous. tons)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Paper production (thous. tons)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Paperboard production (thous. tons)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Textile mill products															
Cotton consumption (thous. bales)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cotton system mill stocks (thous. bales)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Man-made fiber consumption (mil. lbs.)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Man-made fiber mill stocks (mil. lbs.)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
CONSTRUCTION															
Building permits (thous. $)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Residential	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Nonresidential	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Additions, alterations, repairs	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Housing units authorized	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
FINANCE															
Bank debits (mil. $)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Demand deposits (mil. $)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Time deposits (mil. $)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Savings deposits (mil. $)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Loans (mil. $)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Investments (mil. $)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Loan-to-deposit ratio (%)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Consumer credit (mil. $)	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Installment loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Credit cards	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Check credit	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Single-payment loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Real estate loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other consumer goods loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Auto loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other consumer loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Commercial and industrial loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Agricultural loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Real estate loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Loans to financial institutions	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other loans	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Investments															
U.S. Treasury securities	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Obligations of U.S. agencies	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other securities	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Trading account assets	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Federal funds sold	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other assets	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total assets	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Liabilities															
Demand deposits	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Time deposits	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Savings deposits	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Federal funds purchased	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other liabilities	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total liabilities	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Capital accounts															
Common stock	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Surplus	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Undivided profits	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total capital accounts	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total liabilities and capital accounts	1,200	1,200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984				1985								
	1983	1984	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	19,081	21,966	18,084	17,091	21,285	16,061	19,276	17,911	19,428	21,102	24,439	21,672	
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	87,761	7,119	7,844	6,743	4,876	5,229	4,621	6,104	6,961	7,351	6,766	18,232	10,137	
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	428,191	435,832	29,346	36,116	31,991	41,032	74,659	34,630	32,416	23,481	29,414	23,916	46,997	28,338	
Payments ($1,000)	191,969	172,543	13,456	13,716	14,052	19,158	21,274	16,570	15,977	15,762	14,095	11,823	15,246	13,214	
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	13,940	13,870	13,740	13,660	13,720	14,300	13,910	13,880	13,910	14,000	14,150	13,980	13,900	13,910	13,870
	14.2	9.6	9.1	9.6	10.5	11.4	13.1	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.0	8.6	8.3	7.9	8.5
Baldwin	34,220	35,310	33,840	33,840	33,850	37,080	33,930	33,430	33,580	34,270	35,530	35,770	35,870	35,160	35,090
	13.1	9.1	8.8	8.8	8.7	14.1	9.9	9.1	9.8	8.1	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,440	12,740	12,940	12,210	11,920	11,900	12,450	12,130	12,230	12,330	12,210	12,140	12,120
	13.1	11.3	10.4	10.7	11.1	11.4	14.2	12.3	10.2	11.1	11.2	11.5	10.8	9.2	9.4
Bibb	5,940	6,240	6,310	6,410	6,340	6,210	6,070	6,190	6,170	6,170	6,280	6,330	6,250	6,310	6,080
	9.6	10.5	9.4	9.1	9.4	9.7	14.9	10.9	12.9	11.7	9.8	9.5	11.3	11.5	14.4
Blount	15,900	16,750	16,530	16,540	16,630	16,340	17,010	16,920	16,970	16,940	16,770	16,450	16,550	16,280	16,350
	7.1	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.8	7.1	9.1	8.2	8.8	7.4	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.9
Bullock	4,930	4,930	4,930	4,960	4,940	4,930	4,960	4,950	4,960	4,930	4,940	4,930	4,970	4,970	4,970
	17.1	13.4	13.4	13.4	14.4	15.0	16.8	14.4	13.8	14.0	14.0	13.8	13.8	14.0	13.7
Butler	9,790	9,830	10,000	10,140	9,710	9,660	9,560	9,560	9,590	9,570	9,660	9,700	9,610	9,590	9,590
	11.6	9.6	9.1	9.1	9.4	9.5	11.9	10.1	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.4	8.7
Calhoun	48,230	47,530	47,340	47,510	48,010	48,080	47,360	46,750	47,830	47,810	47,870	48,230	48,190	48,220	47,730
	11.1	9.1	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.3	11.4	9.7	10.3	9.2	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.7	7.8
Chambers	16,710	16,530	16,380	16,440	16,510	16,660	16,650	16,540	16,580	16,570	16,700	16,640	16,580	16,180	16,420
	9.6	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.9	7.6	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.0	6.2
Cherokee	11,990	11,870	12,020	12,040	11,960	11,960	11,900	11,870	11,880	11,870	11,930	11,930	11,930	11,930	11,940
	9.2	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.0	9.1	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.4	6.9	6.4	6.2
Cleburne	10,610	10,760	10,900	10,980	10,860	10,810	10,740	10,740	10,760	10,740	10,810	10,810	10,810	10,810	10,810
	11.1	9.1	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.4	10.4	9.2	9.1	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.5	8.1
Coffee	16,610	16,790	16,760	16,810	16,810	16,840	16,780	16,760	16,790	16,790	16,840	16,840	16,840	16,840	16,840
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Colbert	19,830	20,110	20,040	20,060	20,060	19,990	19,970	19,940	20,000	20,020	20,060	19,930	19,890	19,890	19,930
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Conecuh	6,220	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240
	14.1	11.9	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Coosa	5,230	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240
	14.1	11.9	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Covington	18,760	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770	18,770
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Crenshaw	5,230	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240
	14.1	11.9	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Cullman	29,230	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240	29,240
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Dale	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Dallas	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870	32,870
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
DeKalb	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670	30,670
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Elmore	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340	20,340
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Escambia	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Etowah	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130	31,130
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Fayette	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230	10,230
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Franklin	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Geneva	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410	11,410
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Greene	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Hale	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Henry	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110	7,110
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Houston	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290	36,290
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Jackson	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720	18,720
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Jefferson	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240	344,240
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Lamar	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Lauderdale	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230	31,230
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Lawrence	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740	8,740
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Lee	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430	38,430
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Limestone	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290	22,290
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Lowndes	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Macon	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340	9,340
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Madison	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410	124,410
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Marengo	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Marion	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230	13,230
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Marshall	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,900
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2
Mobile	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430	182,430
	10.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984				1985								
	1983	1984	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate) —continued															
Monroe	12,870	12,740	12,520	11,920	11,910	11,940	10,790	11,190	11,190	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700
	10.1	10.2	9.7	9.2	9.4	9.2	13.9	12.8	10.3	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8
Montgomery	96,900	96,010	91,000	96,400	97,700	96,900	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820	98,190	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330
	6.5	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.5	8.1	7.3	6.4	6.9	6.9	7.1	6.5	6.5	6.2
Morgan	37,810	38,870	38,570	38,880	38,990	38,830	38,580	38,550	38,780	38,890	38,940	39,090	39,000	38,580	37,960
	7.5	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	9.4	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.1	8.1	8.9	8.4	8.2
Perry	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,190	6,170	6,170	5,900	5,790	5,940	5,900	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920
	10.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	12.9	11.3	9.1	10.6	10.3	10.5	11.6	11.6	10.1
Pickens	7,440	7,460	7,390	7,410	7,440	7,430	7,360	7,310	7,400	7,400	7,430	7,460	7,260	7,170	7,110
	13.1	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.8	15.1	13.8	11.8	13.4	13.2	13.7	13.8	14.4	13.4
Pike	13,660	13,780	13,610	13,800	13,840	13,840	13,770	13,620	14,090	14,110	14,090	13,760	13,630	13,730	14,110
	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	9.7	8.7	8.5	7.9	7.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5
Randolph	6,290	6,290	6,220	6,300	6,290	6,290	6,040	6,020	6,070	6,090	6,100	6,070	6,140	6,080	6,060
	11.1	10.9	10.9	11.1	11.1	11.1	13.1	12.1	10.9	11.4	10.9	11.3	10.9	9.0	8.2
Russell	23,960	24,060	23,960	24,120	24,160	24,160	23,960	23,760	24,020	24,040	24,170	24,170	24,170	24,160	24,170
	13.1	12.8	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.0	15.1	13.8	12.8	13.6	13.6	13.0	12.9	13.4	10.7
St. Clair	19,230	19,260	19,190	19,270	19,290	19,290	19,230	19,190	19,240	19,260	19,290	19,190	19,120	19,140	19,050
	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	9.3	8.3	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.1	6.7	7.0
Shelby	32,540	32,610	32,510	32,630	32,650	32,650	32,540	32,510	32,530	32,530	32,550	32,550	32,100	31,590	31,570
	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	8.1	6.9	6.7	6.4	6.3	7.0	7.3	7.3	6.4
Sumter	5,980	5,960	5,940	5,970	5,960	5,960	5,960	5,940	5,970	5,970	5,940	5,940	5,930	5,940	5,950
	14.1	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	17.1	14.7	14.2	14.7	14.6	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2
Talladega	30,060	30,080	30,010	30,090	30,110	30,110	30,060	30,010	30,050	30,040	30,100	30,110	30,470	30,740	30,070
	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	16.9	14.6	14.0	13.9	13.9	14.0	13.7	13.5	13.9
Tallapoosa	17,160	17,180	17,150	17,190	17,200	17,200	17,160	17,150	17,170	17,170	17,190	17,190	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200
	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	11.4	9.2	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.4	7.6	8.1
Tuscaloosa	57,910	58,040	57,880	58,060	58,140	58,140	57,960	57,880	57,940	58,010	58,090	58,090	58,090	58,030	58,410
	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	8.1	6.7	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9
Walker	30,960	31,040	30,960	31,060	31,080	31,080	30,960	30,940	30,970	31,010	31,040	31,040	31,030	31,020	31,750
	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	10.2	9.0	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.2	8.3
Washington	5,990	5,990	5,960	5,990	5,990	5,990	5,990	5,970	5,990	5,990	5,990	5,990	6,010	6,020	6,110
	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	13.0	11.7	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.2	12.6
Wilcox	5,240	5,240	5,230	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,230	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,230	5,230	5,230
	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	15.1	13.4	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Winston	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,940	8,940	8,950	8,950	8,940	8,780	8,940	9,040
	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	24.6	21.4	19.1	19.6	19.5	17.9	17.9	15.2	22.5
TRADE															
Counties—Number of establishments															
Mining															
Construction															
Manufacturing															
Transportation, communication, public utilities															
Wholesale trade															
Retail trade															
Finance, insurance, real estate															
Services															
Nonclassifiable establishments															
Total employment (in thousands)															
Mining															
Construction															
Manufacturing															
Transportation, communication, public utilities															
Wholesale trade															
Retail trade															
Finance, insurance, real estate															
Services															
Nonclassifiable establishments															
Total payroll (in thousands)															
Mining															
Construction															
Manufacturing															
Transportation, communication, public utilities															
Wholesale trade															
Retail trade															
Finance, insurance, real estate															
Services															
Nonclassifiable establishments															

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	1983	1984	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable Sales, Mfr. Assn. Industries (thousands)															
Durables (continued)															
Furniture	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lumber	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Machinery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Metals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonmetallic Minerals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transportation Equipment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nondurables	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apparel	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chemicals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Food	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Petroleum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rubber	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Retail Sales (thousands)															
Durables	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nondurables	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Services	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Retail Sales (thousands)															
Durables	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nondurables	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Services	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Retail Sales (thousands)															
Durables	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nondurables	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Services	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984				1985								
	1983	1984	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	78,984	84,942	7,014	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,958	6,041	9,624	9,729	8,183	7,965	9,350	9,208	7,393
Residential	32,614	39,694	2,961	3,282	3,483	2,567	2,740	3,034	3,939	4,480	4,350	4,008	3,663	3,419	3,229
Nonresidential	46,370	45,248	4,053	4,906	7,554	3,482	3,750	3,007	5,685	5,249	3,833	3,957	5,687	5,789	4,164
East Cobb															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	17,470	19,262	1,298	1,511	901	2,360	930	1,111	1,418	1,198	1,027	2,024	1,339	2,369	1,590
Residential	5,390	7,172	1,298	1,511	901	1,360	930	1,111	1,418	1,198	1,027	2,024	1,339	2,369	1,590
Nonresidential	12,080	12,090	—	—	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8,135	7,386	814	1,014	1,088	1,015	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Residential	7,321	6,372	814	1,014	1,088	1,015	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Nonresidential	814	814	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,218	13,453	1,081	1,207	1,211	1,096	1,131	1,383	1,618	2,001	1,629	2,109	2,198	2,237	1,386
Residential	12,404	12,639	1,081	1,207	1,211	1,096	1,131	1,383	1,618	2,001	1,629	2,109	2,198	2,237	1,386
Nonresidential	814	814	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the last several months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available on the new basis. The "Statewide" category is the County-by-County sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties. It does not represent a state total.

Alabama Business at a Glance

The charts that have appeared on page 2 of this publication for the past three months were developed by Ed Rigdon, a doctoral student at The University of Alabama. The charts are now scheduled to appear once every quarter instead of every month. We hope our readers benefit by seeing these charts, and we are open to suggestions about improvements and changes. Please send your comments to Editor, *Alabama Business*, P.O. Box AK, University, Alabama 35486.

Housing Quality

American households have been upgrading their home heating systems, according to a report from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Commerce Department's Census Bureau. The report also reveals that the most common structural defects of American homes are basements with water leakage, leaky roofs, and open cracks or holes in interior walls. The report is *The Annual Housing Survey, 1983, Part B, Indicators of Housing and Neighborhood Quality by Financial Characteristics for the United States and Regions*. It is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., or in the government documents division of many libraries.

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Electrical and Nonelectrical Machinery: Growth Industries in Alabama

Nonelectrical Machinery

Nonelectrical machinery includes establishments engaged in manufacturing machinery and equipment, other than electrical equipment and transportation equipment. Machines powered by built-in or detachable motors, such as portable tools, are included in this group. There are more than 600 firms in Alabama engaged in making products for this industry.

Recent trends. Nonelectrical machinery accounted for 1.2 percent of Alabama real Gross State Product in 1983. However, unlike other durable goods industries, nonelectrical machinery has been leen sensitive to cyclical economic conditions. During the ten years 1974 to 1983, nonelectrical machinery output experienced only two recessionary years in which real output actually declined. *Every durable goods industry except machinery suffered four to five years of output decline as a result of the recessions.*

Employment has risen from 13,900 in 1974 to 15,100 in 1983. The cyclical downturns of 1975 and 1980-1982 slowed the growth of nonelectrical machinery employment, dropping from a high of 16,100 in 1979. The majority of the loss came in 1982, however. 1983 saw a strong recovery with a gain of over 1,000 workers.

Wage rates in nonelectrical machinery reflect the solid showing of this industry with annual increases averaging 10.9 percent for the ten years 1974-83. The average annual wage for 1983 was $18,600. This wage is only slightly below the $19,100 average for all durable goods industries. More importantly, these wage increases are in a growing rather than a declining industry — suggesting they are far more in keeping with increases in labor productivity than has been seen in primary metals, for example.

Outlook. *Annual growth is expected to average over 8 percent, second only to electrical machinery.* As a consequence, nonelectrical machinery's 1984 share of real Gross State Product, 1.3 percent, will rise to 1.4 percent by 1990.

Employment is projected to increase almost 3 percent per year, rising from 15,900 in 1984 to 18,300 in 1990. The average annual wage is projected to rise at 8.2 percent per year through 1990, climbing from $19,900 in 1984 to $29,700 per year in 1990.

Electrical Machinery

Grouped here are Alabama businesses making telephone and telegraph apparatus; communications equipment, radar and sonar; and electronic components. While these firms are closely related to nonelectrical machinery, they are more likely to have a "high-tech flavor." Of the nearly 200 businesses in Alabama engaged in manufacturing electrical and electronic machinery, most are located in Huntsville, Dothan, and Birmingham.

Recent trends. Electrical machinery is the star performer in Alabama manufacturing. *While over the period 1974 to 1983 total manufacturing output in Alabama rose 13.0 percent and durable manufacturing output increased by only 1.3 percent, real electrical machinery output climbed 198.0 percent from $123 million in 1974 to $367 million in 1983.* As a result, electrical machinery's share of real Gross State Product rose from 0.8 percent in 1974 to 1.9 percent in 1983, second only to primary metals among durable goods industries. Most remarkably, electrical machinery experienced no decline in real output over the two recent recessionary periods.

Employment in electrical machinery has done more to sustain manufacturing employment in Alabama than any other component industry. *The industry employed 11,200 workers in 1974, and employment increased an average of 9.2 percent a year to 21,500 in 1983, adding 10,300 new jobs.* The average annual wage of $8,900 in 1974 rose an average of 10.8 percent a year to $17,400 in 1983.

Outlook. Electrical machinery output is expected to grow over 17.3 percent a year for the period 1984-1990. *Should this growth rate be sustained, electrical machinery's share of real Gross State Product will rise 3.3 percent by 1990 to surpass primary metals as the lead industry in Alabama.* At the current rate of growth, electrical machinery production will outpace primary metals by 1986. Unlike other manufacturing industries, no cyclic decline is expected in electrical machinery over the forecast horizon. Other industries are expected to show two cyclical declines, one in 1986 followed by a second in 1990. This five-year business cycle has been a characteristic of the U.S. economy for several decades.

Electrical machinery employment is projected to increase from 22,800 workers in 1984 to 35,000 workers in 1990, an average increase of 6.9 percent per year. At this rate, electrical machinery will employ more workers by 1989 than any other durable manufacturing sector. Wages are expected to continue on their recent growth track, rising from an average annual wage of $18,600 in 1984 to $27,900 in 1990 for an average increase of 8.3 percent per year.

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